



SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH BRAIN INJURY IN VIRGINIA

The *Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS)* is designated in the Code of Virginia as the lead state agency for planning and monitoring services that enhance the quality of life and work of Virginians with acquired brain injury.

DARS' **Brain Injury Services Coordination (BISC) Unit** oversees nearly \$6 million in funding for a statewide network of programs and services. BISC Unit also manages the BIDS Fund (*see below*) and provides staffing for the statewide Virginia Brain Injury Council (VBIC) and the Commonwealth Neurotrauma Initiative (CNI) Trust Fund. *Contact Chris Miller, Brain Injury Services Coordination Unit, by phone 804/662-7069, e-mail christiane.miller@dars.virginia.gov or on-line <http://www.vadars.org/cbs/biscis.htm>.*

Brain Injury Direct Services (BIDS) Fund provides short-term specialized services, assistive technology, and equipment and goods that assist Virginians with brain injury to live independently and move forward in their recovery. Funds are limited and can be used only if no other funding source is available ("fund of last resort"). BIDS Fund does *not* pay for inpatient medical rehabilitation or residential services. Individuals must be one year post-injury and meet disability and financial criteria. It is recommended to contact DARS prior to applying for funding.

State Contracted Programs and Services

The following organizations receive Commonwealth of Virginia state general funds to provide programs and services through contracts managed by the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services, Brain Injury Services Coordination Unit.

HELP FINDING RESOURCES STATEWIDE

Brain Injury Association of Virginia (BIAV) provides information and support statewide to people with brain injury, family members/caregivers, and professionals. BIAV services include a toll-free help-line, information clearinghouse and resource library, referrals to brain injury-specific and general resources, training and technical assistance to a network of support groups, systems advocacy, educational events, and a recreational camp for adults. *Contact Anne McDonnell, Executive Director, Brain Injury Association of Virginia, 2810 N. Parham Road, Ste 260, Richmond, VA 23294, by phone 804/355-5748, Toll-free Help Line 800/444-6443, e-mail info@biav.net, or on-line <http://www.biav.net>.*

Brain Injury Connections of the Shenandoah Valley (Greater Shenandoah Valley counties of Augusta, Bath, Highland, Page, Rockbridge, Rockingham and Shenandoah; cities of Buena Vista, Harrisonburg, Lexington, Staunton and

Waynesboro) provides adult and pediatric case management, Community Support Services (life skills training), and Support Groups for individuals with brain injury. The main office is located in Harrisonburg, with satellite offices in Fishersville and Stanley. *Contact Cynthia Nofstinger, Brain Injury Connections of the Shenandoah Valley, 755 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, MSC 9020, Harrisonburg, VA 22801, by phone 540-568-8923, e-mail cindy@bicsv.org or on-line at <http://www.bicsv.org>.*

Brain Injury Services, Inc. (Northern Virginia, Winchester and Fredericksburg) provides adult and pediatric case management and operates a clubhouse program in Alexandria (*ADAPT*). Clubhouse members are actively involved in daily operations of the clubhouse through a work-ordered day which leads to improved work skills and behaviors that support community and vocational re-entry. BIS also operates a part-time day program as well as community outreach/engagement activities in Fredericksburg. Additional services include: supported living, assistive technology, and vocational services for adults with brain injuries. Contact Denise Hyater, Executive Director, Brain Injury Services, Inc., 8136 Old Keene Mill Road, Suite B102, Springfield, VA 22152, by phone 703/451-8881, e-mail dhyater@braininjurysvcs.org, or on-line <http://www.braininjurysvcs.org>.

Brain Injury Services of Southwest Virginia (Southwest and parts of Southside Virginia) provides adult and pediatric case management, Community Support Services (life skills training), and a unique tele-support program known as the Community Living Connection (*CLiC*) for survivors of brain injury. Contact Jodi Judge, Executive Director, Brain Injury Services of Southwest Virginia 3904 Franklin Road, Suite B, Roanoke, VA 24014-3039, by phone 866-720-1008, e-mail jodil@bisswva.org, or online <http://www.bisswva.org>.

Community Brain Injury Services, Inc. (Greater Richmond and on the Virginia Peninsula) provides adult case management and operates two clubhouse programs - The Mill House in Richmond and Denbigh House in Newport News. Clubhouse members are actively involved in daily operations of the clubhouse through a work-ordered day which leads to improved work skills and behaviors that support community and vocational re-entry. Clubhouses offer an array of services including limited case management services, volunteer placement services; in addition, clubhouses may offer vocational services such as Supported Employment Services (SES) and Employee Development Services (EDS). Contact Jason Young, Executive Director, Community Brain Injury Services, 681 Hioaks Road, Ste. G. Richmond VA. 23225, by phone 804-386-0925, e-mail Jason@communitybraininjury.org, or on-line at <http://www.communitybraininjury.org>.

Eggleston Services, Inc. (South Hampton Roads) provides adult case management and operates a clubhouse (Beacon House) in Virginia Beach. Clubhouse members are actively involved in the daily operation of the clubhouse through a work-ordered day which leads to improved work skills and behaviors that support community and vocational re-entry. Contact Joann Mancuso, Director Beacon House, 3808C Virginia Beach Boulevard, VA 23452, by phone 757/631-0222, e-mail mancuso.joann@egglestonservices.org, or on-line www.egglestonservices.org.

No Limits Eastern Shore (Eastern Shore serving Accomack and Northampton Counties) provides adult case management and operates No Limits day program. Day programs provide individuals the opportunity to participate in structured activities that enhance productivity, independence and inclusion. Activities are provided in a supportive environment and include cognitive, productivity, health and wellness, community impact, and independent living skills. Contact Rachel Evans, Executive Director, No Limits Eastern Shore, PO Box 259, 24546 Coastal Boulevard, Tasley VA 23441, by phone (757) 789-3990, e-mail nolimitseasternshore@gmail.com, or on-line at www.nolimitseasternshore.com.

The BridgeLine (Central Piedmont, Charlottesville and Surrounding Counties) provides adult case management and operates a clubhouse *The BridgeLine* in Charlottesville. Clubhouse members are actively involved in the daily operation of the clubhouse through a work-ordered day which leads to improved work skills and behaviors that support community and vocational re-entry. Contact Leigh Wion, Associate Executive Director, The Bridge Line, 953 2nd St. SE, Suite 410, Charlottesville, VA 22902 (mailing address: P.O. Box 7292, Charlottesville, VA 22906) or by phone 434/220-4596, e-mail lwion@thebridgeline.org or online at <http://thebridgeline.org>.

Virginia Supportive Housing (Richmond Metropolitan Area) provides case management for residents of two community homes for people with brain injury: Independence House in the Fulton Hill community, and Bliley Manor in Southside Richmond. Follow-along case management is available to individuals who have moved into more independent residential settings. Case management is also provided to homeless individuals with brain injury who need housing. Contact Stephanie Arnold Peaco, Senior TBI Case Manager, Virginia Supportive Housing, 8002 Discovery Drive, Suite 200, Richmond, VA 23229, by phone 804/921-3466, e-mail sarnold@virginiassupportivehousing.org or on-line at <http://www.virginiassupportivehousing.org>.